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Seaton Supports Nixon On Cuba

Hastings, Neb., March 26 (AP)—Former Vice President ~~Nixon~~ thought his Presidential rival had been briefed on United States covert plans to support a Cuban invasion when President Kennedy, then campaigning for office, publicly advocated such intervention, Fred Seaton, former Interior Secretary, recalled today.

Seaton said he did not learn that President Kennedy did not have this information until Pierre Salinger, Presidential press secretary, issued his denial Saturday.

Nixon had written in his forthcoming book that the only time he got mad at Mr. Kennedy personally was when his opponent advocated publicly what was already national policy which he, Nixon, had been at pains to keep secret.

Seaton said that when Mr. Kennedy's proposal was made, Nixon asked him to call the White House and ask if Mr. Kennedy had been briefed on this point.

"The check was made and a reply was made that he (Mr. Kennedy) had been," Seaton said. "Nixon certainly thought he had been briefed and was both amazed and shocked."